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Health Department,
Council Offices,
Central Avenue,
Sittingbourne,
Kent.

August, 1971

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

You will be aware that Dr. J. T. Murphy retired at the end of April, 1971. Dr. G. R. Thorpe was appointed during June as your new Medical Officer of Health and he will commence duty on the 1st October. It has, therefore, fallen to me to present this Report for the Year 1970.

I would like to express the appreciation of the Public Health Staff for the constant good humour and leadership shown by Dr. Murphy during many years of service here.

The population of the Urban District continues to rise. The locally adjusted birth rate shows a continuing healthy trend, while the local death rate remains lower than that for England and Wales as a whole.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who have contributed to this Report in supplying necessary data, notably -

Dr. A. Elliott, County Medical Officer and Principal School Medical Officer;
Dr. B. Roberts, Consultant Chest Physician;
Dr. C. D. Routh, Director and Medical Officer of Special Clinic in Rochester;
County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble;
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Mr. A. W. Lloyd, Engineer and Surveyor, Sittingbourne & Milton Urban District Council; and
Mr. B. King, Housing Officer, Sittingbourne & Milton Urban District Council.

Mr. A. Leslie, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and his Staff have continued to perform their duties with maximum efficiency. This has ensured the smooth running of the Department in spite of an increasing work load, which is amply shown throughout the Report.

On behalf of Dr. J. T. Murphy, I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest in Health matters and in this Department.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

B. H. GOOCH

Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

# SECTION I

## SOCIAL CONDITIONS

### 1. Climatology

The rainfall recorded in the Urban District was 26.70 inches, as compared with 29.11 inches recorded in 1969.

The heaviest rainfall, as recorded at the Highsted Waterworks, was 1.44 inches on 14th September, 1970.

The wettest month was November when the rainfall recorded at Highsted Waterworks was 5.74 inches.

Fog occurred on 21 occasions as compared with 25 occasions in the previous Year.

During the Year, there were 13 falls of Snow locally (1 in January; 3 in February, 2 in March, 2 in April and 5 in December).

Temperatures dropped below freezing point on 43 occasions (7 in January; 10 in February; 12 in March; 4 in April; 2 in November and 8 in December) as compared with 47 occasions in the previous Year.

The hottest day of the Year was the 8th July when a temperature of 88°F. was recorded.

The coldest day of the Year was the 7th January when a temperature of 21°F. was recorded.

Monthly rainfall readings recorded at Highsted Waterworks over the past six Years are shown in Appendix "A", and Appendix "B" shows the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at Johnson House Gardens for the Years 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

### 2. Areas in Acres

Land and Inland Water ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 4,935

No change.

3. Population

The estimated mid-Year population for 1970, as given by the Registrar-General, was 31,440, an increase of 620 against the mid-Year population for 1969.

The Census figure taken in April, 1961 was 23,616. It will be very interesting to see the figure arising from the Census being taken during 1971.

4. Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1970 was 10,260.

5. Rateable Value

The rateable value at 31st December, 1970 was £1,526,553, as compared with £1,480,688 at the end of 1969.

6. Sum Representing Penny Rate

The sum representing a penny rate in 1970 was £6,270, as compared with £6,110 in 1969.

# SECTION II

## VITAL STATISTICS

### 1. Births

The number of Births registered during 1970 was 687, as compared with 640 in the previous Year.

The number of Births each Year for the period from 1951 to 1970 inclusive will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

(a) Live Births

| | Males | Females | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate ... ... ... ... | 347 (332) | 306 (283) | 653 (615)* |
| Illegitimate ... ... ... ... | 19 (11) | 15 (14) | 34 (25) |
| Totals | 366 (343) | 321 (297) | 687 (640) |

The percentage of illegitimate births was 5, as against 3.9% in 1969.

(b) Birth Rate

The crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population was 21.9 in 1970 as against 20.8 in 1969. Figures for the Years from 1951 to date will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

The corrected Birth Rate is 25.2 as compared with 16.0 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) Still-Births

6 Still-Births occurred during the Year. This compares with 5 in 1969.

The Still-Birth rate per 1,000 total live and Still-Births was 9 as compared with 13 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

There were no illegitimate Still-Births during the Year.

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Deaths

(a) The number of Deaths occurring in and assignable to the Urban District during 1970 was 365. This figure represents 189 males and 176 females.

Figures for previous Years back to 1951 may be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

Of the 365 Deaths assigned to Sittingbourne during 1970, a total of 114 occurred in Milton Hospital, but only 37 of these were actually persons previously resident in the Urban District.

The average age of death was 72.6 being 70.4 for males and 75.0 for females. The oldest death was a female aged 98 years. The average age of death during 1969 was 70.6, being 68.3 for males and 73.1 for females.

The following Table shows the age groups in which the Deaths occurred.

TABLE I

| Sex | Under 1 Year | 1- | 5- | 15- | 25- | 35- | 45- | 55- | 65- | 75 and Over |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Males ... | 3 | - | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 6 | 30 | 55 | 89 |
| Females ... | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 21 | 43 | 104 |
| Totals | 5 | - | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 12 | 51 | 98 | 193 |

(b) Death Rate

The crude death rate for 1970 was 11.6 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 11.1 per 1,000 in the preceding Year. The figures for previous Years back to 1961 are included in Table III.

The corrected death rate is 10.8 per 1,000 as compared with 11.7 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) The causes of Death classified by the Registrar-General are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

| Cause | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Late effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis .. | - | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ... ... | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine .. ... ... | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .. ... | 14 | 4 | 18 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ... ... | - | 5 | 5 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ... ... ... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate .. ... ... | 3 | - | 3 |
| Leukaemia ... ... ... ... ... ... | - | 3 | 3 |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms ... ... ... | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ... ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Diabetes Mellitus .. ... ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Anaemias ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Mental Disorders .. ... ... ... ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System ... ... | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ... ... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Hypertensive Disease ... ... ... ... | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease .. ... ... ... | 54 | 40 | 94 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease ... ... ... | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease .. ... ... ... | 24 | 26 | 50 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System ... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Influenza ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Pneumonia ... ... ... ... ... ... | 18 | 17 | 35 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema ... ... ... | 12 | 9 | 21 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Peptic Ulcer ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System .. ... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis .. ... ... ... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate .. ... ... ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ... | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Congenital Anomalies ... ... ... ... | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc. ... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality .. ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| All Other Accidents ... ... ... ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ... | - | 2 | 2 |
| All Causes | 189 | 176 | 365 |

(d) The following Table gives details of deaths, births and infantile mortality for the period 1951 to 1970 inclusive.

TABLE III

| Year | Population | Deaths | | Births | | | | | Infant Mortality | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Deaths at all Ages | Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population | Legitimate | Illegitimate | Total | Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population | Still-Births | Legitimate | Illegitimate | Total | Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age per 1,000 Births |
| 1951 | 21,920 | 265 | 12.0 | 332 | 15 | 347 | 15.8 | 8 | 14 | - | 14 | 40.3 |
| 1952 | 21,940 | 244 | 11.1 | 331 | 15 | 346 | 15.7 | 8 | 9 | - | 9 | 26.0 |
| 1953 | 21,930 | 433 | 19.7 | 340 | 17 | 357 | 16.2 | 6 | 16 | - | 16 | 44.8 |
| 1954 | 21,940 | 318 | 14.4 | 298 | 18 | 316 | 14.4 | 7 | 4 | - | 4 | 12.6 |
| 1955 | 21,970 | 347 | 15.7 | 327 | 16 | 343 | 15.6 | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | 11.6 |
| 1956 | 22,060 | 397 | 17.9 | 316 | 16 | 332 | 15.0 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 27.1 |
| 1957 | 22,260 | 398 | 17.8 | 362 | 19 | 381 | 17.1 | 11 | 11 | - | 11 | 28.8 |
| 1958 | 22,470 | 336 | 14.9 | 367 | 12 | 379 | 16.8 | 6 | 2 | - | 2 | 5.2 |
| 1959 | 22,700 | 282 | 12.4 | 374 | 21 | 395 | 17.4 | 7 | 7 | - | 7 | 17.7 |
| 1960 | 22,870 | 293 | 12.8 | 335 | 15 | 350 | 15.3 | 7 | 6 | - | 6 | 17.1 |
| 1961 | 23,630 | 315 | 13.3 | 379 | 24 | 403 | 17.0 | 9 | 13 | 2 | 15 | 37.2 |
| 1962 | 24,270 | 322 | 13.2 | 405 | 18 | 423 | 17.4 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 18.8 |
| 1963 | 24,700 | 322 | 13.0 | 455 | 22 | 477 | 19.3 | 7 | 3 | - | 3 | 6.2 |
| 1964 | 25,480 | 337 | 13.2 | 477 | 25 | 502 | 19.7 | 2 | 11 | - | 11 | 21.9 |
| 1965 | 26,470 | 333 | 12.5 | 511 | 26 | 537 | 20.2 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 18.6 |
| 1966 | 27,310 | 348 | 12.7 | 540 | 30 | 570 | 20.8 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8.7 |
| 1967 | 28,470 | 307 | 10.8 | 522 | 25 | 547 | 19.2 | 8 | 11 | - | 11 | 20.1 |
| 1968 | 29,910 | 396 | 13.2 | 585 | 33 | 618 | 20.7 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 16.1 |
| 1969 | 30,820 | 343 | 11.1 | 615 | 25 | 640 | 20.8 | 5 | 8 | - | 8 | 13.0 |
| 1970 | 31,440 | 365 | 11.6 | 653 | 34 | 687 | 21.9 | 6 | 5 | - | 5 | 7.0 |

3. Infantile Mortality

(a) 5 deaths of Infants under one Year of age were recorded during the Year under review, as compared with 8 deaths in 1969.

The infant mortality rate for the Year was 7 per thousand live births. The rate for 1969 was 13 per thousand. The rates for previous Years may be seen upon reference to Table III.

All the 5 deaths recorded were infants under four weeks of age, resulting in a Neo-Natal mortality rate of 7 per thousand live births as compared with that for England and Wales as a whole of 12 per thousand live births.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 16 per thousand total live and still-births, as compared with 23 for England and Wales as a whole.

The Maternal Mortality was - Nil.

(b) The detailed causes of death among infants during 1970 were as follows:-

TABLE IV

| Cause | Sex | Age at Death | Place of Birth | Place of Death |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prematurity with Congenital Polycystic Disease of the Kidneys ... ... ... ... | M | 2 Hours | Hospital | Hospital |
| Respiratory Failure; Ideopathic Respiratory Distress Syndrome ... ... | F | 6 Hours | Hospital | Hospital |
| Respiratory Failure ... ... | M | 1 Day | Hospital | Hospital |
| Prematurity ... ... ... | M | 1 Day | Home | Hospital |
| Respiratory Failure; Cerebral Damage; Perinatal Anoxia ... ... | F | 2 Days | Hospital | Hospital |

# SECTION III

## INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

## THEIR PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

### 1. Notifiable Diseases - Incidence

During the Year, the Department received 267 notifications of cases of notifiable diseases, as occurring in the Urban District. The figures for the past ten Years are detailed in Table VIII.

The incidence of these notified cases in each Quarter of the Year was as follows:-

1st Quarter - 8; 2nd Quarter - 39; 3rd Quarter - 189; 4th Quarter - 31.

The main cause of notification was again Measles, there being 223 cases occurring.

Regarding the cases of Measles notified, 94 were Children under School Age, 26 were School Children and three cases were adults, all females, aged 22, 26 and 29 years respectively.

30 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, as compared with 4 cases in the previous Year, and 14 cases in 1967. Of these 30 cases 3 were Children under School Age and 27 were School Children.

The 2 cases of Whooping Cough notified were both School Children aged 6 and 8 years respectively.

The 2 cases of Dysentery notified were a Child aged 4 years and an Adult, a male, aged 40 years. The Child of 4 years was admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton.

The 3 cases of Infective Jaundice notified during the Year were all School Children between the ages of 5 and 7 years.

The two cases of Meningitis notified were a Schoolboy aged 14 years and a Child under School Age. Both these cases were admitted to All Saints Hospital, Chatham.

The single case of Typhoid Fever notified during the Year was a female aged 46 years. This person was admitted to Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the Year.

Details of the 4 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified are shown in Tables VI and IX.

(a) The total number of cases occurring, number of cases admitted to Hospital and the total Deaths from each disease, as shown in the Registrar-General's classification of Deaths, are shown in the following Table:-

TABLE V

| Disease | Number of Cases | Admissions to Hospital or Sanitorium | Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever ... ... ... | 30 (4) | - (-) | - (-) |
| Measles ... ... ... ... | 223 (45) | - (-) | - (-) |
| Whooping Cough ... ... ... | 2 (-) | - (-) | - (-) |
| Tuberculosis | | | |
| Pulmonary ... ... ... | 4 (1) | 2 (-) | - (-) |
| Non-Pulmonary ... ... | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) |
| Food Poisoning ... ... ... | - (-) | - (-) | - (-) |
| Infective Jaundice ... ... | 3 (-) | - (-) | - (-) |
| Meningococcal Meningitis .... | 2 (1) | 2 (1) | - (-) |
| Sonne Dysentery ... ... | 2 (-) | 1 (-) | - (-) |
| Typhoid Fever ... ... ... | 1 (-) | 1 (-) | - (-) |
| Totals | 267 (51) | 6 (-) | - (-) |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(b) The distribution by age group of the cases notified is shown in Table VI thus:-

TABLE VI

| Disease | Under 1 Year | 1 - 3 | 3 - 5 | 5 - 10 | 10 - 15 | 15 - 25 | 25 - 35 | 35 - 45 | 45 - 60 | 60 and Over | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever ... ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Measles ... ... ... | 12 | 51 | 66 | 88 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 223 |
| Whooping Cough ... ... | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Dysentery ... ... ... | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Meningococcal Meningitis. | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Infective Jaundice ... | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Typhoid Fever ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Tuberculosis - Pulmonary | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 4 |
| Totals | 13 | 53 | 68 | 118 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | 267 |

(c) The monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in the Urban District during 1970, is shown in the following Table VII:-

TABLE VII

| Disease | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever ... ... | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 17 | 5 | 30 |
| Measles ... ... ... | - | - | - | 3 | 7 | 27 | 94 | 83 | 9 | - | - | - | 223 |
| Whooping Cough ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| Dysentery ... ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Meningococcal Meningitis | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Infective Jaundice ... | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Typhoid Fever ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Totals | - | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 27 | 94 | 84 | 10 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 263 |

(d) Table VIII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each Year during the past ten Years.

TABLE VIII

| Disease | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smallpox ... ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever ... | 23 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 38 | 39 | 15 | 14 | 4 | 30 |
| Measles ... ... | 688 | 23 | 54 | 1134 | 64 | 590 | 279 | 262 | 45 | 223 |
| Whooping Cough ... | 12 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 | - | 2 |
| Food Poisoning ... | - | - | - | - | 8 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Dysentery ... ... | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Erysipelas ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fever ... | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Puerperal Fever ) Puerperal Pyrexia) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Poliomyelitis ... | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Encephalitis Lethargica ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Meningitis ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Malaria ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Infective Jaundice . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 |

## 2. Tuberculosis

4 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the Year.

The age groups in which these new cases occurred are shown in Table IX below.

Table X gives a summary of cases on the Tuberculosis Register during the Year under review.

TABLE IX

Age Groups of New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1970

| Age Group | Type | Total | Male | Female |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 Year | - | - | - | - |
| 1 Year | - | - | - | - |
| 2 - 4 | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 9 | - | - | - | - |
| 10 - 14 | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 19 | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 34 | Pulmonary | 1 | 1 | - |
| 35 - 44 | Pulmonary | 2 | 2 | - |
| 45 - 54 | Pulmonary | 1 | - | 1 |
| 55 - 64 | - | - | - | - |
| 65 - 74 | - | - | - | - |
| 75 and Over | - | - | - | - |
| Age Unknown | - | - | - | - |
| | Totals | 4 | 3 | 1 |

TABLE X

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

| Details | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Register on 1st January, 1970 | 193 | 15 | 208 |
| Add:- Notified as 'New' Cases | 4 | - | 4 |
| | 197 | 15 | 212 |
| Deduct:- Number of Cases Recovered | 2 | - | 2 |
| Balance remaining on Register on 31st December, 1970 | 195 | 15 | 210 |

I am indebted to Dr. N.F. Crofts and Dr. B. Roberts, the Chest Physicians at the Chest Clinic, Keycol Hospital, for the following information regarding Tuberculosis Patients in the Urban District.

4 new Cases were notified during the Year. 2 of these Cases were admitted to Keycol Hospital.

It will be noted from Table X that a total of 195 Cases remained on the Register at 31st December, 1970.

During the Year, Patients and Contacts from the Urban District attended the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, as follows:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Attendances made by Patients | ... | 804 | (696) * |
| Number of Attendances made by Contacts | ... | 638 | (699) |

The number of X-Ray Films taken at the Chest Clinic during the Year was 1,053 as compared with 831 Films in the previous Year.

Mass Radiography Service

Units of the Mass Radiography Service of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, from Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, visited the Sittingbourne Area during October and November, 1970, when 1,169 Films were taken, being 771 Males and 398 Females.

A Programme was formulated during the Year whereby a Mass X-Ray Unit would visit the Urban District on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each Month from 3 - 4 p.m., and would be stationed in the Council's Car Park off the Avenue of Remembrance. This Programme commenced on Wednesday, 14th October, 1970. As a result a total number of 888 Films were taken by the end of the Year, being 248 Males and 640 Females. It is understood that this Programme will continue until the end of September, 1971, when the position will be reviewed.

Care Committee for Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases

This Care Committee, covering Sittingbourne, Milton and District, assisted 21 Cases during the Year, by the provision of Bedding, Clothing, Fuel and Heating, Payment of Fares for visiting Patients in Hospital, Christmas Extras and Holidays. The sum of £110 was expended in providing these needs.

6 new Cases were referred to the Committee during the Year through the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, of which 3 were non-Tuberculous. At the end of the Year there were 34 Cases on the Committee's Current Register - 7 of these being non-Tuberculous.

The following Table XI gives details of Notifications received, Deaths and the Death Rate per 1,000 of the population, for both Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Cases, during the Period from 1940 to 1970 inclusive.

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

TABLE XI

| Year | Number of Primary Notifications Received | | Deaths | | Death Rate per 10,000 of Population | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary |
| 1940 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 5.3 | 0.4 |
| 1941 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3.5 | 0.5 |
| 1942 | 15 | 4 | 8 | - | 4.0 | - |
| 1943 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 4.2 | 1.5 |
| 1944 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3.7 | 0.5 |
| 1945 | 22 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3.0 | 0.5 |
| 1946 | 14 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 4.0 | 0.4 |
| 1947 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2.8 | 0.9 |
| 1948 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 3.5 | 0.4 |
| 1949 | 20 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 4.5 | 0.9 |
| 1950 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 1951 | 15 | 2 | 3 | - | 1.3 | - |
| 1952 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1.3 | 0.4 |
| 1953 | 16 | - | 4 | - | 1.8 | - |
| 1954 | 19 | 3 | - | 1 | - | 0.4 |
| 1955 | 19 | 1 | 2 | - | 0.9 | - |
| 1956 | 15 | - | 3 | 1 | 1.3 | 0.4 |
| 1957 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1958 | 17 | 1 | 5 | - | 2.2 | - |
| 1959 | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 0.4 |
| 1960 | 8 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1961 | 9 | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| 1962 | 9 | 2 | 1 | - | 0.4 | - |
| 1963 | 13 | - | 1 | - | 0.4 | - |
| 1964 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1965 | 7 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1966 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1967 | 7 | - | 1 | - | 0.3 | - |
| 1968 | 7 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1970 | 4 | - | 1 | - | 0.3 | - |

3. Venereal Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C.D. Routh, Director and Medical Officer in charge of the Special Clinic in Rochester, for the following information regarding new cases from this Urban District during the Year.

| Disease | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Syphilis ... ... ... ... ... | - (1) | - (-) | - (1) |
| Gonorrhoea ... ... ... ... ... | 3 (8) | - (6) | 3 (14) |
| Other Conditions ... ... ... ... | 16 (19) | - (10) | 16 (29) |
| Totals | 19 (28) | - (16) | 19 (44) |

The above refer to new Cases occurring during the Year.

New cases occurring in previous Years were as follows:-

| Year | New Cases |
|---|---|
| 1969 | 44 |
| 1968 | 25 |
| 1967 | 23 |
| 1966 | 25 |
| 1965 | 33 |
| 1964 | 28 |
| 1963 | 20 |
| 1962 | 16 |
| 1961 | 24 |
| 1960 | 17 |

| Year | New Cases |
|---|---|
| 1959 | 15 |
| 1958 | 17 |
| 1957 | 19 |
| 1956 | 25 |
| 1955 | 16 |
| 1954 | 23 |
| 1953 | 11 |
| 1952 | 7 |
| 1951 | 13 |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

## 4. Vaccinations and Immunisations

The County Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) has very kindly supplied the following details in connection with Immunisations and Vaccinations.

### (a) Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

| Year of Birth | Primary | | | Reinforcing | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Tetanus | Triple Antigen | Diph./ Tet. | Tetanus |
| 1970 | 67 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | 387 | 2 | - | 5 | - | - |
| 1968 | 154 | - | 1 | 242 | 19 | 1 |
| 1967 | 3 | 1 | - | 86 | 32 | - |
| 1966 | 1 | - | 2 | 15 | 53 | 3 |
| 1965 | 1 | 1 | - | 190 | 299 | - |
| 1963 - 1964 | - | - | - | 23 | 34 | 8 |
| 1954 - 1962 | - | - | 35 | 9 | 24 | 39 |
| Totals | 613 | 4 | 38 | 570 | 461 | 51 |

### (b) Vaccination against Smallpox

| | |
|---|---|
| Primary Vaccinations ... ... ... ... | 360 |
| Revaccinations ... ... ... ... | 10 |

### (c) Vaccination against Measles

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

| Year of Birth | Number of cases Vaccinated |
|---|---|
| 1970 | - |
| 1969 | 80 |
| 1968 | 158 |
| 1967 | 55 |
| 1966 | 61 |
| 1965 | 24 |
| 1963 - 1964 | 27 |
| 1954 - 1962 | 12 |
| Total | 417 |

(d) Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

| Year of Birth | Primary | Reinforcing |
|---|---|---|
| 1970 | 40 | - |
| 1969 | 623 | - |
| 1968 | 170 | - |
| 1967 | 14 | - |
| 1966 | 5 | 56 |
| 1965 | - | 579 |
| 1963 - 1964 | - | 100 |
| 1954 - 1962 | - | 14 |
| Totals | 852 | 749 |

5. International Certificates of Vaccination

During the Year, 637 International Certificates of Vaccination were presented to the Department by local people leaving the Country, for the Medical Officer of Health to authenticate the Signatures of the Doctors concerned. This figure compares with 452 in the previous Year and 454 in 1968.

# SECTION IV

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### 1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council as the local Health Authority. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Health Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness; Care and After-Care and Domestic Help Services.

Child Health, School Health and Dental Clinics are held at Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt.3313) and the District Office of the Kent County Council, including the Domestic Help Service, is in the new Kent County Council Divisional Offices, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 72436).

CLINICS HELD IN THE URBAN DISTRICT provided and administered by the Kent County Council under the National Health Servioe Act.

(a) At Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 3313)

1. Child Health Clinics
   Tuesdays - 2 to 4 p.m.
   Advice and guidance available on problems concerning Children up to the age of five years. Doctors and Health Visitors in attendance.

2. Cytology Clinics
   1st Wednesday in each Month (by Appointment as required).

3. Minor Ailments Clinics
   1st and 3rd Monday in each Month - 3.45 to 4.30 p.m.

4. Dental Clinics
   Wednesdays - 9.30 a.m. (by Appointment - Tel. No: Sitt. 3314).

5. Ophthalmic Clinics
   Wednesdays - 9.30 a.m. (by Appointment).

6. Chiropody Clinics
   Monday and Wednesday - 9 a.m. (by Appointment).

(b) Child Health Clinics are also held in other parts of the Urban District as follows:-

1. At the Congregational Hall, Crown Road, Milton Regis
   1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m.
   Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
   (For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Milton and Kemsley areas).

2. At the Village Hall, London Road, Bapchild.
   2nd and 4th Friday in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m.
   Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
   (For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in Bapchild and the eastern end of the Canterbury Road Estate).

3. At the Old Welfare Hall, Church Road, Murston
Wednesdays - from 2 to 4 p.m.
Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.
(For the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Murston and Canterbury Road areas).

(c) Other Clinics

1. The Health and Welfare Department of the Kent County Council has arranged for Clinics for the taking of Cervical Smears to be held at Sutton House. Forms for appointments at these Clinics can be obtained from the Child Health Clinics at Sutton House; from the Health Department, Council Offices, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, or from a person's own Doctor.

2. The Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes for Expectant Mothers are now held in the Town Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, each Thursday from 9.15 a.m. until 11.15 a.m.

3. A Family Planning Clinic is held at Sutton House each Thursday, from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Family Planning Clinics are also held at Minster Hospital (Tel. No: Sheppey 2116) and at Cambridge House, 4, Mansion Row, Brompton, Gillingham (Tel. No: Medway 43759).

(d) Vaccinations and Immunisations

Vaccinations and Immunisations are given, with Doctor's consent, at all Child Health Clinics, as follows:-

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - Triple injections against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. 'Booster' Triple injections at 5 years.

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - and again at 5 years - Protection against Poliomyelitis, by Oral Vaccine.

At 1 and 5 years - Vaccination against Smallpox.

From 1 to 7 years - Vaccination against Measles.

Other persons seeking protection against Poliomyelitis, should make arrangements through their own Doctor.

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The Health Visitors (Kent County Council Staff) at Sutton House, cover the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton. These Health Visitors have also been seconded to various groups of Doctors in the area.

Mental Welfare is provided by the Regional Hospital Board for patients from the Urban District, at 13, South Road, Faversham. The Sessions for the Clinics are held on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

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A School for Handicapped Children is held at the Bobbing Training Centre, Village Hall, Bobbing.

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## 2. Hospitals and Nursing Homes

### (i) Hospitals

There are two Hospitals in the Urban District, as follows:-

(a) Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 72019).

The Visiting Hours at this Hospital are:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sunday | - | 2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. |
| Monday | - | 7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. |
| Tuesday | - | 7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. |
| Wednesday | - | 2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. |
| Thursday | - | 7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. |
| Friday | - | 7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | - | 2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. |

Children are admitted during Visiting Period on Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) Milton Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel. No: Sitt. 3168).

This Hospital provides facilities for the Infirm and Chronic Sick and also has a separate Residential Section for Aged People at Court Regis, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel. No: Sitt 3485).

Cases of Infectious Disease other than Tuberculosis are admitted to Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford (Tel. No: Dartford 23231).

Patients suffering from Tuberculosis are admitted for treatment at Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Nr. Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Newington 222). This Hospital is situated on the main London Road, just outside the Urban District boundary. At this Hospital there is also a Chest Clinic (Tel. No: Newington 387) at which out-patients suffering from Tuberculosis and other associated Chest complaints attend for X-Ray and periodic examination by the Consultant Chest Physician.

### (ii) Nursing Homes

There are no Registered Nursing Homes situate within the Urban District.

## 3. School Health Services

The Principal School Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) has once again very kindly provided the following summary of the return on School Health Services for the Year 1970, for the Area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough-in-Sheppey, the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton and the Rural District of Swale.

(a) Routine School Medical Inspections

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Pupils Inspected ... ... ... ... ... | 2,267 |
| Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected:- | |
| Satisfactory ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2,267 |
| Unsatisfactory ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | - |

(In addition, 1,956 children received tests of vision and hearing only)

(b) Special Inspections

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Pupils Inspected ... ... ... ... ... | 52 |
| Number of Pupils Re-Inspected ... ... ... ... ... | 757 |
| Number of Pupils found to require treatment ... ... | 562 |

(c) Treatment of Pupils

(i) Minor Ailments

| | |
|---|---|
| Skin Diseases ... ... ... ... ... ... | - |
| Eye Defects ... ... ... ... ... ... | - |
| Ear Defects ... ... ... ... ... ... | 13 |
| Minor Injuries, Bruises, Sores, etc. ... ... | 7 |

(ii) Defective Vision and Squint

| | |
|---|---|
| Errors of Refraction (including Squint) ... ... | 757 |
| Other Defects or Diseases of the Eye ... ... ... | 1 |
| Number of Pupils for whom Spectacles were prescribed ... ... ... ... ... ... | 322 |

(d) Dental Inspection and Treatment

| | |
|---|---|
| Number Inspected by Dental Officers ... ... ... ... | 2,942 |
| Number found requiring treatment ... ... ... ... | 1,810 |
| Number actually treated ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1,396 |
| Number of attendances for treatment ... ... ... ... | 5,299 |
| Half-Days devoted to: | |
| A. Periodic (School Inspections) ... ... ... ... | 10 |
| B. Treatment ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 881 |
| Number of Teeth Filled ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2,719 |
| Number of Teeth Extracted ... ... ... ... ... | 1,228 |
| Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction ... | 680 |
| Other Operations (Permanent and Temporary Teeth) ... | 1,091 |

(e) Infestation with Vermin

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Examinations of Pupils in Schools by the School Nurses or other Authorised Persons ... ... | 10,835 |
| Number of Individual Pupils found to be infested ... | 59 |
| Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944) ... ... ... ... ... ... | 11 |

4. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was not called upon to deal with any Case during the Year.

5. Old People's Welfare

I am again indebted to County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble for supplying the following most interesting information concerning the activities of the Old People's Welfare Committee, of which she is Chairman, during the Year under review. These facts show that this is a very live Committee, carrying out much good work for the benefit of our local Senior Citizens.

(a) Night Sitting Service - 28 Cases were helped during the Year and these involved well over 100 calls being made. To keep this very important Service running efficiently more Night-Sitters must be recruited.

(b) Visiting Service - 66 Visitors helped during the Year in this particular Service, doing much valuable work in keeping happy and seeing to the needs of so many people who live alone or are housebound due to arthritis or similar dread diseases. 599 elderly people were on the books of the Committee during the Year and 39 of these have operational Red Lamps.

The Committee is extremely grateful to Mrs. Bayley for acting as Organiser, and to the Members of the St. John Ambulance Nursing Sisters for continuing to give aid by way of nail cutting, hair shampooing, bathing etc when requested. We are also very grateful for the continued interest and support of many Boys and Girls at several local Schools, who have assisted in the visiting duties and by carrying out such tasks as gardening.

(c) Meals on Wheels Service - Mrs. Ashby very kindly carried on the organisation of this Section. A total number of 4,518 Meals were served during the Year. The Meals are delivered twice a week and it is proposed that a third round be instituted early in 1971. Our thanks are due to Miss Roberts, Headmistress of the County Grammar School for Girls, and the Canteen Staff of the School for helping with the meals; and to the Canteen Staff at the Export Packing Service for providing meals during the School Holidays. The Committee is also very grateful to the many drivers and helpers, without whose assistance the delivery of these meals and the continuance of this Service would not have been possible.

(d) Annual Party - The Annual Party for the House-Bound Senior Citizens was held in the Town Hall instead of outdoors. This was to make certain the weather could not interfere with the holding of the Party. It was just as well such arrangements had been made, as the rain came just at the Guests arrived.

(e) The Luncheon Centre - The Luncheon Centre continued to function very successfully during the Year at the Wesley Hall, each Monday except for Bank Holidays. 1,597 Meals were served and thoroughly enjoyed by the Senior Citizens attending. The success of this Service was due to the many Helpers who attended regularly to cook and serve the Meals - particularly Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Gouge, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Bolton; to Mr. A.Leslie and the Reverend H.Williams for their help generally; and to the efforts of our Secretary, Mrs. A.Bishop, who has continued to give so much of her time in connection with this Service.

(f) Accommodation and Clubs - We are fortunate to have the Old People's Clubs in the District, which provide such excellent facilities and entertainment for our Senior Citizens, and the accommodation provided by the Local Authority for our Old People is excellent and ever expanding to meet future needs.

(g) Conclusion - The work of the Welfare Committee could not have continued during the Year without such first-class organisation and for this we sincerely thank our appointed Honorary Officers in each Section. Our sincere and most grateful thanks are also due to Mrs. A.Bishop and Miss Goldup for carrying out the onerous duties of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Mr. N.F.Bowen has also once again kindly audited our accounts and we are grateful to him for carrying out this most necessary and important work.

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## SECTION V

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### 1. Water Supply

All the dwellings (10,260) within the Urban District are supplied from the public water mains of the Medway Water Board.

The supply has, during the Year under review, been adequate both in quality and quantity.

Thirty-one samples of water (11 from the public supply and 20 from private supplies) were submitted for bacteriological examination. The results received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that these samples were satisfactory.

### 2. Drainage and Sewerage

During the Year, extensions to the Council's sewerage system were carried out to serve new housing development within the Area.

The works of improvement to the sewage works commenced on the 24th August, 1970 and are proceeding according to the programme.

The annual treatment against Rodents in the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the period from 27th April to 19th May, 1970. A 10 per cent test-baiting was carried out when 92 manholes were treated and 8 'Takes' were recorded. In the main treatment a total of 104 manholes were treated, when 1 Complete and 7 Partial 'Takes' were recorded. The results obtained indicated that the incidence of infestation in the Town's sewerage system remained low and the position could be considered quite satisfactory.

### 3. Scavenging

The administration of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at the Council's site at Milton.

The programme of conversion to Paper Sack Holders was continued during the Year when a total number of 2,043 Standing Holders were supplied to Householders.

6,400 premises have now been changed to the Paper Sack System.

4. School Sanitation

Inspections at schools generally confirmed invariable high standard which is maintained, particularly so far as kitchen hygiene is concerned.

5. Public Conveniences

As in many other towns, malicious damage to public conveniences continues. Thus the quality of the service provided suffers and inconvenience is caused to users.

No charges are made for the use of public conveniences.

6. Swimming Baths

(a) Public Swimming Baths

12 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The reports received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that satisfactory standards of purity were maintained.

The total number of bathers using the pool during the Year was 85,540 as compared with 85,393 in 1969.

(b) School Swimming Baths

6 samples of water taken from the small open-air swimming baths at two Schools situated in the Urban District, were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The results indicated that the water at each School was maintained in a generally satisfactory condition.

7. Mortuary Accommodation

The Mortuary facilities used by the Council accommodated 33 bodies during the Year.

The arrangements continued to prove satisfactory.

8. Service of Notices requiring the Execution of Works or the Abatement of Nuisances

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Informal Notices served | - | 57 |
| (b) Statutory Notices served | - | 8 |
| (c) Informal Notices complied with | - | 44 |
| (d) Statutory Notices complied with | - | 9 |
| (e) Informal Notices outstanding | - | 64 |
| (f) Statutory Notices outstanding | - | 9 |
| (g) Notices dealt with in default of compliance with Statutory Notices | - | 7 |

9. Visits made by the Public Health Inspectors

The number of visits paid by the Public Health Inspectors during the Year is shown in Appendix "D".

10. Complaints

During the Year, a total of 100 complaints were received from tenants of non-Council Houses and 17 from tenants of Council Houses, in connection with alleged unsatisfactory conditions.

In addition, 356 complaints were received regarding defective dustbins and requests were made for the provision of Paper Sack Holders and Paper Sacks.

These complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to remedy the conditions found.

## SECTION VI

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### 1. Milk Supply

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

Under the provisions of the above-named Regulations, this Authority is responsible for registering all Retailers within the Urban District as Distributors of Milk. The number of Retailers registered is - 65.

The Kent County Council is the Authority responsible for the issue of Licences for the Sale of designated Milks and these Licences are valid for five years from the date of issue.

Examination of Milk Supplies

(i) 46 samples of Milk were submitted for bacteriological or other prescribed examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone. The bulk of the supply is in the hands of two or three main suppliers and it seems unnecessary to duplicate samples from different purveyors obtaining their supplies from the same source.

(ii) The following Table shows details of the results obtained:-

TABLE XIII

| | Number of Samples | Result | | Not Tested |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Satisfactory | Un-Satisfactory | |
| T.T./Pasteurised ... | 3 (2) | 3 (2) | - (-) | - (-) * |
| Pasteurised ... ... | 43 (45) | 35 (44) | 8 (1) | - (-) |
| Sterilised ... ... | - (8) | - (6) | - (-) | - (2) |
| Total | 46 (55) | 38 (52) | 8 (1) | - (2) |

(iii) The samples of Pasteurised Milk which were unsatisfactory, failed the methylene blue reductase test.

(iv) Samples of Sterilised Milk have not been tested by the Public Health Laboratory since the 1st June, 1969.

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Meat

One private slaughterhouse was licensed for the use of Butchers in the Town and 195 visits were paid to this slaughterhouse during the Year.

The number of animals presented for slaughter was 1,107 as compared with 1,029 in the previous Year.

The small amount of meat condemned in the slaughterhouse (1,671 lbs.) was dyed green and disposed of under guarantee to a firm of bi-product manufacturers.

The Department's transport collects foodstuffs condemned in Food Shops and this is disposed of under suitable safeguards at the Council's Tip.

Details of foodstuffs, of all types, condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

Table XIV shows the details of the animals slaughtered and inspected, together with the numbers affected with disease.

TABLE XIV

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Horses | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number Killed ... ... (if known) | 331 | 16 | 2 | 401 | 357 | - | 1,107 |
| Number Inspected ... | 331 | 16 | 2 | 401 | 357 | - | 1,107 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned ... ... | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | 4 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ... | 13 | 2 | - | 9 | 66 | - | 90 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ... ... | 3.9 | 18.7 | - | 2.4 | 19.0 | - | 8.4 (6.7)* |
| Tuberculosis Only | | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ... | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ... ... | - | - | - | - | 0.2 | - | 0.09 (-) * |
| Cysticercosis | | | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and Totally condemned .... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

3. The Disease of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

2 persons were licensed under this Order as at 31st December, 1970.

Routine visits were made during the Year to ensure that compliance with the conditions imposed by the Order were being observed.

4. Other Foodstuffs Examined

The details of foodstuffs of all types condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

19 complaints relating to the presence of foreign bodies, or other contamination, in food were made during the Year.

The foreign bodies or other contamination complained of were:-

(a) Foreign body in Bottle of Milk (2 Cases).
(b) Dirty condition of Bottle of Milk.
(c) Foreign body in Chocolate Biscuits.
(d) Insect in Baby Food.
(e) Foreign matter in Loaf of Bread (2 Cases).
(f) Insect in Chopped Pork and Ham.
(g) Foreign matter in Chicken and Veal Pie.
(h) Mould in Ham and Egg Pie.
(i) Mould on Cake.
(j) Condition of Yogurt.
(k) Foreign bodies in Tinned Orange Juice.
(l) Foreign matter in Lime Juice Cordial.
(m) Mould in Tinned Corned Beef.
(n) Decomposed Peas (Tinned).
(o) Decomposition of Liver Pate.
(p) Condition of Liver.
(q) Bird Droppings on pre-packed Currant Buns.

3 cases were passed to the Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council. It is understood that in 2 cases written cautions were issued to the Firms concerned, and in the third case (an Insect in Chopped Pork and Ham) the Firm was fined £10 and £5 costs.

A great deal of help and co-operation was received from the County Analyst and from the British Museum during the Year, to assist with the identification of foreign matter and various insects.

5. Shellfish

Vendors of Shellfish were visited and conditions found were satisfactory.

No case of illness attributable to Shellfish was notified during the Year.

6. Fish Frying

8 fish frying establishments are in operation in the Urban District.

39 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

The standard of hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

7. Ice Cream

The number of premises registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of Ice Cream are:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sale and Storage of Ice Cream ... ... | 88 | (93) * |
| Storage of Ice Cream ... ... ... | 1 | (2) |
| Manufacture of Ice Cream ... ... ... | 1 | (1) |

Four samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination by the Provisional Modified Methylene Blue Reductase Test.

The results of the samples examined were as follows:-

| | 1970 | | 1969 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grade I ... ... ... | 4 | (100%) | 10 | (100%) |
| Grade II ... ... ... | - | ( - ) | - | ( - ) |
| Grade III ... ... ... | - | ( - ) | - | ( - ) |
| Grade IV ... ... ... | - | ( - ) | - | ( - ) |

The majority of Ice Cream sold in the Urban District is produced by National Manufacturers and invariably is sold pre-packed. No difficulty has been experienced in the supervision of this Trade during the Year.

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

8. Bakehouses

8 bakehouses are registered and in operation in the Area.

100 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

9. Restaurants

The number of restaurant kitchens (including Works Canteens and School Kitchens) in the Area is - 47.

187 visits were made to these premises during the Year and 2 informal notices were served regarding matters of a minor nature which were found during such inspections. The matters complained of were remedied during the Year.

10. Public Houses

The number of Public Houses in the Area is - 43.

98 visits of inspection were made during the Year and 2 informal notices were served as a result of these inspections.

An increasing number are retailing snacks and meals, and generally speaking satisfactory standards are maintained. In many premises food on display is kept to a minimum and sandwiches are prepared in a room separate from the bar.

11. Food Preparing Premises

24 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages and preserved foods.

222 visits of inspection were made to these premises during the Year. As a result of these inspections, 5 informal notices were served. Most of the work required has since been carried out.

12. General Hygiene in Food Premises

The standard of hygiene in food premises has, on the whole, continued to be satisfactory. Nevertheless, regular routine inspection is required to ensure that standards are maintained and if possible improved.

13. Details of Inspection

These details are shown in Appendix "D".

14. The Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

These details are shown in Appendix "F".

15. Samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority

I am indebted to Mr. J. Stokoe, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, for once again very kindly supplying details of samples of food taken by the County Sampling Officers in the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton during 1970, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

This information is detailed overleaf.

Details of Samples taken by the County Sampling Officer within the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton During the Year ended 31st December, 1970

| Details of Samples Taken | Number of Samples Taken | Satis-factory | Unsatis-factory |
|---|---|---|---|
| Milk ... ... ... ... ... | 24 | 23 | 1 |
| Butter, Margarine, Lard, Cooking Fats, Cheese (including processed Cheese) ... ... ... ... | 4 | 4 | - |
| Tinned Meats, Meat, Fish, Fish and Meat Pastes ... ... ... ... | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Sugar, Sugar Confectionery, Flour Confectionery, Chocolate Products, Cereals ... ... ... ... | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Beverages, Minerals, Cordials ... ... | 7 | 7 | - |
| Jams, Preserves, Honey, Jellies .. | 3 | 3 | - |
| Dried Fruit, Raw Fruit, Vegetables, Tinned Fruit and Vegetables ... | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Pickles, Sauces, Vinegar, Condiments ... ... ... ... | 8 | 8 | - |
| Drugs, Medicines ... ... ... | 15 | 12 | 3 |
| Beer, Wines, Spirits ... ... | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... | 10 | 10 | - |
| Totals | 107 | 97 | 10 |

Unsatisfactory Samples

Pasteurised Milk

Soiled bottle. Dairy cautioned.

Chopped Pork and Ham

A dipterous fly, a greenbottle, was embedded in the meat. T. Wall & Sons (Meat and Handy Foods) Limited, Wall's House, Old Oak Lane, London, N.W.10, fined £10 and £5 costs at Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court on the 21st December, 1970.

Saveloys

Relatively low moisture content. No further action.

Lemon Double Layer Cake

Affected by mould. Retailer cautioned.

High Protein Baby Food

Contained an insect. Source of contamination not known.
No further action.

Fruit Salad

Low density syrup. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Cough Pastilles (2 samples)

Low in Chloroform. Old stock. No further action.

Cherry Flavoured Linctus

Low sugar content. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Rum

Slightly below declared spirit content.
Follow-up sample satisfactory.

## SECTION VII

## DISINFECTION, DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL

### 1. Disinfection

(i) Disinfection of rooms in dwelling houses was continued to be carried out during the Year in cases of infectious disease, when required.

(ii) All Library Books found at premises where a case of notifiable disease has occurred have been disinfected by formaldehyde before being returned to circulation.

### 2. Disinfestation

(i) The following tables indicate the work carried out during the Year:-

(a) Bed Bugs

| | Infestations | |
|---|---|---|
| | Premises | Rooms |
| Council Houses ... ... | 4 (-) | 8 (-) * |
| Other Houses ... ... | 2 (-) | 4 (-) |
| Totals | 6 (-) | 12 (-) |

(b) Fleas

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Council Houses ... ... | 1 (-) | 4 (-) |
| Other Houses ... ... | 3 (2) | 16 (12) |
| Other Premises ... ... | - (1) | - (1) |
| Totals | 4 (3) | 20 (13) |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(c) Other Insect Pests
(Ants, Beetles and Flies, etc.)

| | Infestations | |
|---|---|---|
| | Premises | Rooms |
| Council Houses ... ... | 8 (8) | 8 (8) * |
| Other Houses ... ... | 30 (22) | 35 (27) |
| Other Premises ... ... | 5 (1) | 18 (6) |
| Totals | 43 (31) | 61 (41) |

(ii) Other disinfestations carried out during the Year were as follows:-

(a) The Swimming Baths were disinfested on 2 occasions on account of Cockroaches.

(b) The outside walls of 7 Council Houses and 22 non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Ants.

(c) The outside walls of 1 non-Council House were disinfested on account of Red Mite.

(d) Treatment against Cockroaches was carried out at one Shop Premises.

(e) Treatment against Woodworm was carried out at one non-Council House.

(f) 1 Cell and a Bathroom at the Sittingbourne Police Station were treated on account of Infectious Disease.

(g) 18 Rooms at 3 Council Houses and 20 Rooms at 3 non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Cat Fleas.

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iii) In addition, 286 Wasps' and 12 Bees' Nests were treated and destroyed.

(iv) The main insecticides used during the Year were 5% D.D.T. in Kerosene and Gammexane.

(v) The number of visits made during the Year by the Department's Operator in connection with disinfection and disinfestation was 376 as compared with 355 visits in 1969.

3. Rodent Control

(i) The Council employ one part-time Rodent Operator.

(ii) Table XV gives details of the work carried out during the Year.

(iii) The number of visits made during the Year was 2,995 (including routine survey visits) as against 1,797 visits in the previous Year.

(iv) In addition to the above, the usual maintenance treatment of the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the Year.

TABLE XV

| Details | Type of Property | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Non-Agricultural | | Agricultural | |
| 1. Number of Properties in District | 10,759 | (10,480) | 60 | (60) * |
| 2. (a) Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises inspected following Notification) | 348 | (372) | 14 | (20) |
| (b) Number Infested by (i) Rats | 242 | (203) | 13 | (17) |
| (ii) Mice | 183 | (168) | 11 | (16) |
| 3. (a) Total number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than Notification | 38 | (39) | 6 | (6) |
| (b) Number infested by (i) Rats | 6 | (10) | 1 | (2) |
| (ii) Mice | 5 | (1) | 1 | (2) |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

# SECTION VIII

## HOUSING

### 1. Inspections

The number and character of inspections carried out during the Year in connection with housing is as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the Year for housing defects ... ... ... ... ... | 385 | (307) * |
| (b) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations ... ... | 13 | (93) |
| (c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... ... | 73 | (10) |
| (d) Number of houses found defective in some essential particular ... ... ... | 57 | (54) |
| (e) Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notice ... ... | 44 | (185) |
| (f) Reinspection of houses ... ... ... ... | 1,051 | (791) |
| (g) Action under the Statutory Powers during the Year | | |
| (i) Proceeedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ... | - | (-) |
| (ii) Proceedings under Public Health Act ... ... ... ... | 8 | (19) |
| (iii) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ... | 5 | (10) |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iv) Action under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 -

| No. of Areas represented as unfit | No. of Dwellings in the Area | No. of Dwellings demolished during the Year |
|---|---|---|
| 1 (-) | 68 (-) | 53 (24) |

2. Provision of Houses

I am indebted to Mr. A.W. Lloyd, Engineer and Surveyor, for kindly supplying the following information in connection with the number of houses built each Year since the end of the War:-

TABLE XVI

| Year | Council Houses Temporary | Council Houses Permanent | Police & Fireman Houses | Private Enterprise | War destroyed Houses re-built | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1946 | Ø 50 | 33 | - | 2 | - | 85 |
| 1947 | - | 57 | - | 5 | - | 62 |
| 1948 | - | 44 | - | 3 | 2 | 49 |
| 1949 | - | 70 | - | 3 | 8 | 81 |
| 1950 | - | 72 | - | 7 | 8 | 87 |
| 1951 | - | 82 | - | 8 | 4 | 94 |
| 1952 | - | 140 | 2 | 2 | - | 144 |
| 1953 | - | 118 | - | 3 | - | 121 |
| 1954 | - | 200 | 11 | 34 | - | 245 |
| 1955 | - | 94 | 6 | 13 | - | 113 |
| 1956 | - | 82 | - | 52 | - | 134 |
| 1957 | - | 72 | - | 128 | - | 200 |
| 1958 | - | 57 | 1 | 98 | - | 156 |
| 1959 | - | 78 | - | 80 | - | 158 |
| 1960 | - | 72 | - | 118 | - | 190 |
| 1961 | - | 43 | - | 128 | - | 171 |
| 1962 | - | 51 | - | 191 | - | 242 |
| 1963 | - | 52 | - | 268 | - | 320 |
| 1964 | - | 78 | 10 | 382 | - | 470 |
| 1965 | - | 70 | - | 266 | - | 336 |
| 1966 | - | 106 | - | 270 | - | 376 |
| 1967 | - | 4 | 4 | 475 | - | 483 |
| 1968 | - | 64 | - | 330 | - | 394 |
| 1969 | - | 15 | - | 158 | - | 173 |
| 1970 | - | 107 | - | 226 | - | 333 |
| Totals | 50 | 1,861 | 34 | 3,250 | 22 | 5,217 |

Footnote:- *Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

Ø The demolition of these temporary Council Houses (Pre-Fabs) was finally completed in 1966.

In addition, the following accommodation for Old People has been provided in the Urban District:-

(a) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Churchill House, Portland Avenue, Murston, was opened in 1966. Accommodation comprising 30 single units, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

(b) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Johnson House, Burley Road, Sittingbourne, was opened in 1968. Accommodation comprising 19 single and 10 double units, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

3. Repair and Maintenance of Houses

(a) Difficulty continues to be met by Owners of rented accommodation in being able to find jobbing builders prepared to carry out repair work.

As a result, the Officers of the Department have to spend a disproportionate amount of effort to secure repairs to houses.

(b) Rent Act, 1957

1 application (Form 'I') was received during the Year in connection with a Certificate of Disrepair.

The following information details the position regarding applications received since the Act came into force on 6th July, 1957, together with the action taken:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair ... | 66 |
| 2. | Total number of Notices (Form 'J') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of proposal to issue a Certificate of Disrepair ... | 63 |
| 3. | Total number of decisions by Local Authority not to issue Certificate of Disrepair ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| 4. | Total number of Undertakings (Form 'K') given by Landlord to remedy defects proposed to be included in Certificate of Disrepair ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 41 |
| 5. | Undertakings (Form 'K') not given by Landlord but defects remedied in accordance with requirements of Forms 'J' issued by Local Authority ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| 6. | Total number of Certificates of Disrepair (Form 'L') issued ... | 17 |
| 7. | Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5 |
| 8. | Total number of Notices (Form 'RC2') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair ... | 5 |

(c) Discretionary Improvement Grants -
Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
(as amended by the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Housing Act, 1961, Housing Act, 1964 and Housing Act, 1969)

During the Year, 41 applications for Grants in connection with Discretionary Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. These were all approved.

The total cost of the works involved in these approved applications amounted to £38,158 and the total of the Grants allowed was £19,064.

There were 41 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 1 of these was in respect of an application received during the Year 1968, and 18 of these were in respect of applications received during the Year 1969.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 439 applications. Of these, 393 were completed by 31st December, 1970. In addition, 15 applications have been cancelled at the applicants' request.

(d) Standard Improvement Grants -
House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
(as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, Housing Act, 1964 and Housing Act, 1969)

During the Year, 27 applications for Grants in connection with Standard Improvement Schemes were submitted to the Council. All of these were approved.

There were 28 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 9 of these were in respect of applications received and approved during 1969.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 208 applications and 192 of these were completed by 31st December, 1970. In addition, 6 applications have been cancelled at the applicants' request.

The total cost of the works involved in the 192 completed applications amounted to £38,463 and the total of the Grants allowed was £17,871.

(e) Special Grants -
Housing Act, 1969

A new kind of assistance, for the provision of basic amenities for the overall benefit of houses in multiple occupation, payable at the discretion of the Local Authority, was introduced under the above-named Act.

No applications were received during the Year.

(f) Details in connection with Improvement Grants, both Discretionary and Standard, are shown in Tables XVII and XVIII.

(g) Housing Acts, 1957 and 1964 (Improvements to Council Houses)

Under the provisions of these Acts, a total of 233 Council Houses had been improved and modernised up to the 31st December, 1970.

(h) Progress of Five-Year's Slum Clearance Programme

During the Year, 5 unfit houses were dealt with by way of Undertakings, Closing or Demolition Orders. The Eastbourne Street Area comprising 68 houses was represented in January, 1970.

A summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programmes during the period from 1945 to 1970 inclusive is shown in Appendix "H".

(i) Rehousing - Removal Expenses

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme, 11 cases upon being rehoused applied for their removal expenses to be paid by the Council, the total cost involved being £67.25.

Under the Authority of Council Minute No. 507(5) dated October, 1959, these applications were paid by the Council.

(j) Housing Act, 1969 - Qualification Certificates

Section 44(1) - Where dwelling already satisfies the conditions

15 applications for Qualification Certificates were received under this Section of the Act.

Arising from these applications, 2 Qualification Certificates were issued during the Year; 1 application was Cancelled by the applicant and in the remaining 12 cases Certificates of Provisional Approval were issued.

Section 44(2) - Where dwelling does not have all the standard amenities

32 applications for Qualification Certificates were received under this Section of the Act.

Arising from these applications, 14 Qualification Certificates were issued during the Year; 4 applications were Cancelled by the applicants and in the remaining 14 cases works of repair are still outstanding.

TABLE XVII

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

| Year | Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved | Number of Completion Certificates Issued | Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request | Total Cost of Approved Applications | Total Amount of Grant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| 1955 | 25 | 8 | 2 | 4,888 | 2,436 |
| 1956 | 19 | 24 | 2 | 5,856 | 2,919 |
| 1957 | 29 | 24 | - | 10,118 | 4,947 |
| 1958 | 15 | 21 | - | 5,326 | 2,654 |
| 1959 | 32 | 24 | - | 13,128 | 6,563 |
| 1960 | 40 | 29 | 2 | 18,106 | 9,035 |
| 1961 | 24 | 30 | 1 | 13,511 | 6,745 |
| 1962 | 24 | 27 | 2 | 11,429 | 5,702 |
| 1963 | 27 | 22 | 1 | 14,185 | 7,077 |
| 1964 | 29 | 32 | - | 15,315 | 7,637 |
| 1965 | 27 | 9 | - | 15,841 | 7,911 |
| 1966 | 17 | 27 | - | 11,236 | 5,610 |
| 1967 | 26 | 23 | - | 16,587 | 8,288 |
| 1968 | 25 | 26 | 1 | 18,072 | 8,502 |
| 1969 | 39 | 26 | - | 26,047 | 12,771 |
| 1970 | 41 | 41 | 4 | 38,158 | 19,064 |
| Totals | 439 | 393 | 15 | 237,803 | 117,861 |

TABLE XVIII

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

| Year | Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved | Number of Completion Certificates Issued | Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1959 | 4 | 2 | - |
| 1960 | 16 | 12 | - |
| 1961 | 10 | 10 | - |
| 1962 | 15 | 11 | 2 |
| 1963 | 14 | 19 | - |
| 1964 | 27 | 20 | 1 |
| 1965 | 16 | 13 | - |
| 1966 | 22 | 20 | - |
| 1967 | 17 | 21 | - |
| 1968 | 22 | 21 | - |
| 1969 | 18 | 15 | 1 |
| 1970 | 27 | 28 | 2 |
| Totals | 208 | 192 | 6 |

4. Rehousing

I am indebted to Mr. B. King, Housing Officer, for supplying me with the following information regarding rehousing in the Urban District during the Year.

It was found possible to provide housing accommodation for 263 families as follows:-

(a) 40 families rehoused in pre-war Council Houses (28) *
(b) 220 families rehoused in post-war Council Houses and Flats (112)
(c) 3 families rehoused in privately owned Houses by arrangement with Owners' consent (9)

5. Housing Applications

The Housing Officer has also very kindly supplied the following information regarding Housing Applications.

(a) The following Table shows the details of the number of applicants in the various categories on the Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1970:-

TABLE XIX

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Number of Applicants on 'Live List' ... ... | 576 | (521) * |
| 2. | Number of 'Late Applications' ... ... ... | 146 | (153) |
| | Total Number of Applicants | 722 | (674) |

(b) Table XX shows the various classes into which the applicants on the 'Live List' fall:-

TABLE XX

| | | No. | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Applicants who are tenants of houses within the Urban District ... ... | 340 | (59.0) |
| 2. | Applicants living in rooms as sub-tenants or lodgers within the Urban District ... ... ... ... | 104 | (18.0) |
| 3. | Applicants for Old Persons' Dwellings ... ... ... ... ... | 132 | (22.9) |
| | Total | 576 | |

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

## SECTION IX

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

### (a) Registration and Inspection

The total number of Premises on the Register at 31st December, 1970, was 311. This figure compares with 307 at the end of the previous Year.

23 registrations were cancelled during the Year and Table I below details the classification of the Premises concerned, together with the reasons for cancellation.

30 general Inspections were carried out during the Year; the same number as in the previous Year. There were 23 general inspections in 1968; 22 in 1967 and 220 in 1966.

The number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises during the Year was 212. This figure compares with 175 in the previous Year; 194 in 1968; 241 in 1967 and 599 in 1966.

TABLE I

| Reason | Offices | Shops | Catering Establish. open to Public | Wholesale Depots and Warehouses | Fuel Storage Depots | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Change of Ownership | - | 8 | 1 | - | - | 9 |
| No Employees (Self-Employed only) | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Premises Vacated | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Premises Demolished (Fire) | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Business Closed | - | 7 | - | - | - | 7 |
| Totals | 3 | 19 | 1 | - | - | 23 |

(b) Operation of the General Provisions of the Act

Of the Premises receiving a general inspection during the Year, in 12 cases only (40%) did the Premises comply with the requirements of the Act.

Notifications were sent to the responsible persons in respect of the 18 (60%) Premises which revealed contraventions of the Act.

Table II sets out the types of contraventions found upon inspection.

TABLE II

| Defects Found | Offices | Shops | Catering Establish. open to Public | Wholesale Depots and Warehouses | Fuel Storage Depots | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Absence of Thermometer ... | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | 8 |
| Absence of First Aid Kit | 2 | 7 | - | - | - | 9 |
| Abstract of Act not displayed ... ... ... | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Absence of Hot Water Supply to Wash-Hand Basin ... | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | 6 |
| Insecurely fixed Wash-Hand Basin in Water Closet Compartment ... ... | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Absence of Artificial Lighting in Water Closet | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Unsatisfactory decoration and defective wall plaster in Water Closet Compartment ... ... | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Unsatisfactory decoration in Staff Room ... ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Absence of means of Heating | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Defective flooring ... | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Absence of suitable means of Ventilation ... ... | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | 5 |
| Absence of suitable Handrail to Staircase ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Overcrowding of Office Accommodation ... ... | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Overcrowding of Stationery in Store Room ... ... | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Use of Corridor for Desk and Clothing facilities | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Use of Staff Rest Room for other facilities ... | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Absence of suitable accommodation for Staff Clothing ... ... ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Absence of suitable Guard to Gravity Feed Food Slicer | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Totals | 18 | 29 | - | - | - | 47 |

(c) Accidents

A Notification (Form OSR.2) was received in respect of one accident, which occurred in a Provision Merchant's Shop registered under the Act. The accident was recorded in the 2nd Quarter of the Year.

Details of the accident are as follows:-

The person concerned was a Male, aged 35 years, employed as a Trainee Manager.

This Man dropped a case of Dog Food, weighing 24 lbs., on his left foot whilst he was engaged in unloading duties from a delivery van. This caused an injury to the instep.

Owing to the long delay in reporting the accident (occurred on the 23rd February, 1970 and report form received on 14th April, 1970) and the fact that the person was no longer employed by the Firm, no further action was taken.

The attention of the Firm was drawn to the provisions of the Act, which require that Notices of Accidents be made forthwith to the enforcing Authority, In this case the delay was 7 weeks and the Firm was asked to ensure that in all future cases of accidents occurring, Forms OSR.2 are immediately submitted in accordance with the Terms of the Act.

4. Prosecutions

It was again found unnecessary for the Council to take any action by way of prosecution during the Year.

5. Annual Report (OSR.14)

The Annual Report (OSR.14) giving details of types of Premises Registered, General Inspections, Visits, Persons Employed, Exemptions, Prosecutions, etc., is shown under Appendix "I".

## SECTION X

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was called upon to deal with 1 Case during the Year.

In this case application was made in respect of the interment of a Female, aged 69 years, by her Son for assistance in meeting the expenses of the funeral. The Son was unable to meet such expenses.

At the end of the Year, the Department was still in correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Security regarding a Special Payment towards the funeral expenses as there was no Death Grant due in this Case.

2. Air Pollution

In spite of the efforts of the firm concerned to minimise the nuisance caused from the emanation of sulphuretted hydrogen from the lagoon at Grovehurst, complaints continued to be received. It is understood that further remedial steps are being taken and it is to be hoped that these will improve the position.

A local cement mill and a local brickworks ceased to operate during the year and this must have an affect on the purity of the atmosphere.

3. The Noise Abatement Act, 1960

1 complaint was received during the Year.

This complaint was investigated when it was found that the cause was of a domestic nature, being a nuisance from a noisy radio.

The Department was able to deal with this complaint in an informal manner to the satisfaction of the Complainant.

4. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

This Act came into effect on the 1st April, 1965.

The Certificates of Registration are valid for a period of three years from the date of Registration.

9 Certificates of Registration were issued in the Urban District during 1968 and these current Certificates are due for renewal during 1971.

5. The Riding Establishments Act, 1964

There are no Riding Establishments licensed under this Act situate within the Urban District.

6. Home Safety

The Home Safety Committee met on 2 occasions during the Year.

The main accidents in the Home were still found to be in connection with Cuts, Falls, Burns, Scalds and Poisonings, but it is gratifying to report that the numbers occurring were not as many as in the previous Year.

Patients are now taken for treatment to the Casualty Department at the Medway Hospital, Gillingham. The changeover from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, having taken place during the Year.

A Campaign for the return of unused drugs and medicines was carried out during the period between 13th April to 25th April, 1970, when Local Chemists received and disposed of items which were handed to them by the general Public. Posters and leaflets were distributed to Chemists, Doctors, as well as being placed in Clinics and throughout Factories in the Urban District.

The RoSPA Campaign on Baby Safety was supported and arrangements were made with a local Firm for a Shop Window display combining Baby Safety with Home Safety generally. This Campaign was during the period from April to June, 1970. Posters and literature were received and widely distributed.

Approximately 50 houses per month were checked by Fire Brigade Personnel during the Year. It has been established that most of the fires in private houses are caused by either negligence or bad workmanship.

# APPENDIX "A"

## RAINFALL

### Recorded at Highsted Waterworks

| Month | Rainfall (inches) 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January ... ... | 2.45 | 2.26 | 1.97 | 2.06 | 3.15 | 2.77 |
| February ... ... | 0.61 | 3.98 | 2.15 | 2.93 | 2.14 | 1.89 |
| March ... ... | 2.04 | 0.65 | 2.49 | 1.27 | 2.32 | 2.32 |
| April ... ... | 1.87 | 2.81 | 3.28 | 2.36 | 0.66 | 2.05 |
| May ... ... | 1.39 | 1.44 | 2.97 | 2.22 | 2.55 | 0.95 |
| June ... ... | 2.79 | 2.03 | 2.50 | 1.65 | 1.51 | 0.55 |
| July ... ... | 1.90 | 5.53 | 1.34 | 2.51 | 5.04 | 1.56 |
| August ... ... | 2.64 | 2.05 | 2.17 | 4.46 | 3.05 | 2.06 |
| September .. ... | 6.95 | 0.89 | 3.28 | 7.82 | 0.74 | 3.66 |
| October ... ... | 0.40 | 6.45 | 3.91 | 3.23 | 0.13 | 0.72 |
| November ... ... | 2.71 | 2.85 | 2.88 | 2.10 | 5.34 | 5.74 |
| December ... ... | 4.43 | 3.35 | 2.04 | 2.65 | 2.48 | 2.43 |
| Total Rainfall | 30.18 | 34.29 | 30.98 | 35.26 | 29.11 | 26.70 |

# APPENDIX "B"

## TEMPERATURES

Recorded at Johnson House Gardens

| Month | Maximum 1967 | Maximum 1968 | Maximum 1969 | Maximum 1970 | Minimum 1967 | Minimum 1968 | Minimum 1969 | Minimum 1970 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January ... | 56° | 60° | 60° | 52° | 24° | 16° | 30° | 21° |
| February ... | 53° | 53° | 54° | 57° | 24° | 25° | 18° | 22° |
| March ... | 62° | 72° | 58° | 65° | 30° | 30° | 24° | 23° |
| April ... | 68° | 78° | 72° | 62° | 28° | 26° | 25° | 26° |
| May ... | 73° | 74° | 87° | 78° | 28° | 34° | 39° | 39° |
| June ... | 81° | 82° | 84° | 85° | 41° | 42° | 41° | 44° |
| July ... | 85° | 94° | 94° | 88° | 50° | 94° | 46° | 47° |
| August ... | 82° | 83° | 95° | 80° | 46° | 42° | 47° | 47° |
| September ... | 76° | 78° | 87° | 80° | 40° | 39° | 38° | 44° |
| October ... | 70° | 72° | 76° | 72° | 32° | 41° | 36° | 36° |
| November ... | 61° | 68° | 69° | 63° | 24° | 25° | 26° | 28° |
| December ... | 55° | 53° | 57° | 55° | 18° | 18° | 27° | 28° |

## APPENDIX "C"

## DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPES

## CONDEMNED DURING 1970

| | Lbs. | Lbs. |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Condemned at Slaughterhouse:- | | |
| Carcase of a Cow - Malignant Oedema with Severe Bruising ... ... | 540 | |
| Carcase of a Sheep - Pathological Emaciation | 31 | |
| Carcase of a Pig - Pathological Emaciation with Peritonitis ... ... | 200 | |
| Carcase of a Pig - Septic Pericarditis with Emaciation ... ... | 130 | |
| 3 Pigs' Hindquarters - Severe and Extensive Bruising .. ... ... | 246 | |
| Edible Offal ... ... ... ... ... ... | 524 | 1,671 |
| (b) Condemned in Shops:- | | |
| Meat ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 899½ | |
| Miscellaneous Foodstuffs (including Canned Milk, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, Jams, etc.) | 4,429 | |
| Frozen Foods (Defrosted) ... ... ... ... | 4,063½ | 9,392 |
| (c) Condemned in Warehouse:- | | |
| Tomato Puree (Tinned) ... ... ... ... | 35,244 | |
| Dates (Tinned) ... ... ... ... ... | 392 | |
| Dutch White Cabbage (Bagged) ... ... ... | 17,050 | 52,686 |
| Total Lbs. | | 63,749 |

TOTAL = 28 Tons. 9 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 21 Lbs.

(165 Tons. 7 Cwts. 1 Qr. 13 Lbs.)*

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Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

# APPENDIX "D"

## DETAILS OF INSPECTION

| Details | Inspections | |
|---|---|---|
| **Number of Houses -** | | |
| Inspected (Complaints or Nuisances) ... ... ... | 385 | |
| Reinspected (Complaints or Nuisances) ... ... ... | 1,051 | |
| Inspected (Housing Acts) ... ... ... ... ... | 72 | |
| Reinspected (Housing Acts) ... ... ... ... ... | 14 | |
| Inspected (Rent Acts) ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | |
| Inspected (Overcrowding) ... ... ... ... ... | 16 | |
| Inspected (Multiple Occupation) ... ... ... ... | 19 | |
| Inspected (Improvement Grants) ... ... ... ... | 204 | |
| Inspected (Housing Tenancies) ... ... ... ... | 263 | |
| Inspected (Housing Circumstances) ... ... ... ... | 21 | 2,050 |
| **Inspections -** | | |
| Food Premises ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 231 | |
| Food Vehicles ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 34 | |
| Restaurants, Cafes, etc. ... ... ... ... ... | 104 | |
| Factory Canteens ... ... ... ... ... ... | 62 | |
| School Canteens ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 21 | |
| Food Manufacturing Premises .. ... ... ... ... | 134 | |
| Public Houses ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 98 | |
| Slaughterhouse ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | |
| Slaughterhouse (Meat Inspection) ... ... ... ... | 224 | |
| Butchers' Shops ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 88 | |
| Fried Fish Shops .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 39 | |
| Dairies and Milk Shops .. ... ... ... ... ... | 13 | |
| Ice Cream Premises ... ... ... ... ... ... | 35 | |
| Examination of Foodstuffs ... ... ... ... ... | 94 | 1,181 |
| **General Visits and Inspections -** | | |
| Infectious Disease ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50 | |
| Contacts of Infectious Disease ... ... ... ... | 94 | |
| Verminous Premises ... ... ... ... ... ... | 16 | |
| Insect Pests ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 56 | |
| Rodent Infestations ... ... ... ... ... ... | 44 | |
| Scrap Metal Act ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6 | |
| Shops Act ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Piggeries (Waste Food Order) .. ... ... ... ... | 6 | |
| Pet Shops ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 9 | |
| Public Conveniences ... ... ... ... ... ... | 14 | |
| Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. ... ... ... ... ... | 73 | 370 |
| Total c/f. | | 3,601 |

| | Inspections | |
|---|---|---|
| Total b/f. | | 3,601 |
| Grovehurst Effluent ... ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | |
| Noise Abatement Act ... ... ... ... ... ... | 9 | |
| Tips ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 18 | |
| Water Courses, Ditches, etc. ... ... ... ... | 3 | |
| Swimming Baths ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 11 | |
| Clean Air Act (including smoke observations) ... ... | 30 | |
| Port Health ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12 | |
| Contractors and Owners Interviewed ... ... ... | 311 | |
| Office Interviews ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1,560 | |
| Food Complaints ... ... ... ... ... ... | 19 | |
| Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits ... ... ... | 448 | |
| Housing Removals - Old Age Pensioners ... ... ... | 11 | |
| Old People's Wardens Schemes ... ... ... ... | 156 | |
| Old People's Day Centre ... ... ... ... ... | 50 | |
| Paper Sacks Scheme ... ... ... ... ... ... | 356 | 3,009 |
| Food and Drugs and Other Sampling - | | |
| Samples of Ice Cream ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | |
| Samples of Swimming Bath Water - Public ... ... | 12 | |
| - Schools ... ... | 6 | |
| Samples of Water obtained - Bacteriological Examination | 31 | |
| Samples of Milk obtained - Bacteriological Examination | 46 | |
| Miscellaneous Bacteriological Specimens ... ... | 5 | 104 |
| Factories - | | |
| Factories with Mechanical Power ... ... ... ... | 115 | |
| Factories without Mechanical Power ... ... ... | 10 | |
| Inspection of Workplaces ... ... ... ... ... | 10 | |
| Visits to Outworkers ... ... ... ... ... ... | 31 | 166 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 - | | |
| General Inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... | 62 | |
| Other Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 150 | 212 |
| Total | | 7,092 |
| | | (5,918)* |

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

## APPENDIX "E"

## NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1970

| Houses | Totals | |
|---|---|---|
| Accumulations removed ... ... ... ... ... ... | 58 | |
| Baths provided ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Chimney repaired ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Ceilings repaired .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | |
| Dampness abated ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 35 | |
| Damp-proof courses inserted ... ... ... ... ... | 9 | |
| Doors and frames repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 37 | |
| Paper Sack Holders provided ... ... ... ... ... | 356 | |
| Floors renewed or repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Grates or Ovens repaired or renewed .. ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Hot Water System provided .. ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Miscellaneous repairs and Nuisances abated .. ... ... | 35 | |
| Internal Wall Plaster repaired .. ... ... ... ... | 6 | |
| Roofs renewed or repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 14 | |
| Rainwater pipes or gutters renewed or repaired ... ... | 16 | |
| Staircases repaired ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Walls repaired, re-pointed, etc. ... ... ... ... | 5 | |
| Water Taps or Pipes repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Window Cords renewed ... ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | |
| Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired ... ... | 31 | |
| Yard paving renewed or repaired ... ... ... ... | 1 | 644 |
| **Verminous Premises** | | |
| Number of Houses infested with Bugs or Fleas ... ... | 5 | |
| Bedding cleansed or destroyed ... ... ... ... ... | 6 | |
| Rooms cleansed and redecorated ... ... ... ... | 12 | 23 |
| **Drainage** | | |
| Drains tested, smoke ... ... ... ... ... ... | 82 | |
| Drains tested, water ... ... ... ... ... ... | 56 | |
| Drains relaid ... ... ... ... ... .... ... | 16 | |
| Drains cleansed ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 57 | |
| Gullies provided ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Inspection chambers provided ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | |
| Inspection chambers repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Lavatory basins or sink waste pipes repaired ... ... | 1 | |
| New Drains constructed ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Soil Pipes or Ventilation Shafts provided or repaired ... | 2 | 222 |
| Total c/f. | | 889 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total b/f | | 889 |
| **Water Closets** | | |
| Additional Water Closets or Urinals provided ... ... | 1 | |
| Flushing Apparatus repaired or provided ... ... ... | 8 | |
| Miscellaneous repairs ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| New pans provided .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | 13 |
| **Cesspools** | | |
| Number of Cesspools abolished and Houses connected to Sewer | 12 | |
| Number of Cesspools emptied ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | 16 |
| **Food Shops, Kitchens and Manufacture of Preserved Foods** | | |
| Accumulations removed ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Cleanliness and decoration improved .. ... ... ... | 3 | |
| Dustbins provided .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | |
| Lighting or Ventilation improved ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Other repairs ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Sinks and Wash-Hand Basins provided ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Water supply (hot) provided ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | 15 |
| **Mobile Vehicles** | | |
| Fish Vehicle Discontinued ... ... ... ... ... | | 1 |
| **Public Houses** | | |
| Floors renewed or repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Sinks with Hot and Cold Water supplied ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Ceilings repaired .. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Walls repaired ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | |
| Cleanliness and decoration improved .. ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Dampness abated ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Miscellaneous repairs ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 9 |
| **Slaughterhouse** | | |
| Cleansing carried out ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | |
| Repairs carried out ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 3 |
| Total | | 946 |
| | | (984)* |

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

## APPENDIX "F"

## LIST SHOWING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOOD SHOPS IN THE AREA

| | Type | Number |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Meat Shops (including Shops carrying out the preparation and/or manufacture of preserved foods) ... | 24 |
| 2. | Restaurants and Dining Room Kitchens (including Works' Canteens and School Kitchens) ... | 47 |
| 3. | Food Shops ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 129 |
| 4. | Factories handling Food ... ... ... ... ... ... | 18 |
| 5. | Fried Fish Shops ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| 6. | Ice Cream Retailers ... ... ... ... ... ... | 88 |
| 7. | Milk - Distributors ... ... ... ... ... ... | 65 |
| | - Dairies ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| 8. | Public Houses ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 43 |

## APPENDIX "G"

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Inspections (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... | 2 | 10 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities | 120 | 115 | 3 | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 10 | 10 | - | - |
| Totals | 132 | 135 | 3 | - |

| Particulars (1) | Number of Cases in which defects were found: Found (2) | Remedied (3) | Referred to H.M. Inspector (4) | Referred by H.M. Inspector (5) | Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| (a) Insufficient | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Totals | 6 | 5 | - | 3 | - |

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

## OUTWORK

## (SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

| Nature of Work | Section 133 | | | Section 134 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Wearing Apparel - Making, etc. | 16 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Curtains and Furniture Hangings | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 18 | - | - | - | - | - |

# APPENDIX "H"

## Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programme during the Period from 1945 to 1970 (inclusive)

| Year or Period | Houses dealt with in Clearance Areas | Individual Houses dealt with by Undertakings, Closing Orders, or Demolition Orders | Total Number of Houses dealt with | Number of Houses Demolished |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1945 - 1952 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 20 |
| 1953 - 1957 | 96 | 138 | 234 | 169 |
| 1958 - 1962 | 74 | 180 | 254 | 281 |
| 1963 | - | 67 | 67 | 58 |
| 1964 | 23 | 49 | 72 | 65 |
| 1965 | - | 48 | 48 | 80 |
| 1966 | 16 | 38 | 54 | 25 |
| 1967 | 96 | 73 | 169 | 42 |
| 1968 | - | 12 | 12 | 87 |
| 1969 | - | 10 | 10 | 29 |
| 1970 | 68 | 5 | 73 | 56 |
| Total | 378 | 635 | 1,013 | 912 |

# APPENDIX "I"

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

## Annual Report for 1970 (Form OSR.14)

Table A (Registrations and General Inspections)

| Class of Premises | Number of Premises Registered during the Year | Total Number of Registered Premises at end of Year | Number of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Offices | 9 | 88 | 10 |
| Retail Shops | 15 | 202 | 17 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens | - | 13 | - |
| Fuel Storage Depots | - | 3 | - |
| Totals | 27 | 311 | 30 |

Table B (Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises)

Table C (Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace)

| Class of Workplace | Number of Persons Employed |
|---|---|
| Offices ... ... ... ... ... ... | 644 |
| Retail Shops ... ... ... ... ... | 1,129 |
| Wholesale Departments, Warehouses ... ... | 24 |
| Catering Establishments open to the Public ... ... ... ... ... | 69 |
| Canteens ... ... ... ... ... ... | - |
| Fuel Storage Depots ... ... ... ... | 34 |
| Total | 1,900 |
| Total Males - 757 | Total Females - 1,143 |

Table D (Exemptions)

| | Class of Premises | Number of Exemptions | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Current at End of Year | Newly Granted | Expired or Withdrawn |
| Part I - Space (Sec. 5(2)) | - | - | - | - |
| Part II - Temperature (Sec. 6) | - | - | - | - |
| Part III - Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9) | Offices | - | - | - |
| | Retail Shops | 2 | - | - |
| Part IV - Washing Facilities (Sec. 10) | Offices | - | - | - |
| | Retail Shops | - | - | - |

Table E (Prosecutions)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year | = | None |
| Number of Persons or Companies Prosecuted | = | None |
| Number of Complaints (or summary applications) made under Section 22 | = | None |
| Number of Interim Orders granted | = | None |

Table F (Staff)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act | = | 3 |
| Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act | = | None |